

The St. Lawrence Parks

The St. Lawrence Parks system is the major playground of Eastern Canada. The Parks Commission manages more than ten thousand acres of parkland along the St. Lawrence River, scattered through fifteen major campsite areas from the Bay of Quinte to the Quebec border. It maintains over 2,500 camp and trailer sites, offering a wide choice of location and scenery. Most sites are serviced, with modern lavatory buildings, electrical outlets and trailer dumping stations.

Day use areas have large sandy beaches, water safety supervision, refreshment stands and picnic tables. Many have boat launching facilities. All parks and attractions are readily accessible from Highway 401.

Sailing, yachting, watching the ocean-going freighters, swimming, riding, golfing, picnicking, camping and more than a little history... all these things can be had within the compass of the St. Lawrence Parks System.

As well, the Commission operates two of North America's finest historic sites, Old Fort Henry at Kingston and Upper Canada Village near Morrisburg.

Attractions

Old Fort Henry, located near the junction of Highway 2 and 15 at Kingston, is a restored nineteenth century fortress featuring a military museum, a guard and band in 1867 uniforms, with daily drills and artillery salutes, picnic grounds and an information centre. On Wednesday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in July and August a Ceremonial Retreat is staged.

(Visitors are advised to check beforehand as the Guard is occasionally on tour.)

Upper Canada Village, located in Crysler Farm Battlefield Park, contains over 35 meticulously restored buildings and displays. The Village is a living example of pioneer life in an Ontario community of the period 1784-1867.

Both Old Fort Henry and Upper Canada Village are open May 15 to October 15.

Wildfowl Sanctuary, located 14 km east of Morrisburg off Highway 2, offers visitors the opportunity to view thousands of Canada Geese during the fall and spring migration along with many other species of wildlife. The sanctuary also includes approximately 6 km of nature trails.

Crysler Maple Sugar Bush, on Upper Canada Road, 10 km east of Morrisburg, Highway 401 Interchange 120, illustrates one of North America's oldest industries, the making of maple syrup and products. Open to the public daily Mid-March to Mid-April.

Crysler Park Marina, offers docking facilities, fuel, groceries, dock-side services and a gift shop.

Airstrip, parallel to Highway 2 in Crysler Park, has a paved runway 850 metres by 23 metres and a paved tie down area 150 metres by 23 metres. Public, daylight use only. Services - telephone, food services nearby, no fuel or oil.

Riding Corral, located near the Airstrip, features horseback riding through woodlots and open fields.

Upper Canada Golf Course, north of Highway 2 in Crysler Park, is an 18-hole championship course, with a licensed lounge and a dining lounge. The course, offering a quiet and relaxing atmosphere, is open from early May to late October. Pro Shop, electric carts, clubs and pull cart rentals.

Winter Recreation, includes 8 km of groomed snowmobile trails and 6 km of groomed cross-country ski trails in Crysler Park, as well as 24 km of groomed snowmobile trails and 5 km of groomed cross-country ski trails at Brown's Bay Park. At Upper Canada Village, horse drawn sleigh rides and skating are special features.

Facilities

Adolphustown Park, 51 km west of Kingston on Highway 33, includes a picnic area, beach, 135 campsites, 53 with electricity, flush toilets, trailer dump, boat ramp, a playground and an organized youth camping area (available by reservation). An added attraction is a United Empire Loyalist Cemetery.

Fairfield Park, 19 km west of Kingston on Highway 33, offers picnic areas, boat launching ramp, limited camping facilities and a playground.

The 1000 Islands Parkway, adjacent to the St. Lawrence River in the heart of the beautiful and scenic 1000 Islands Region, accessed from Highway 401 on the north and U.S. Interstate 81 from the south, serves an area rich in recreational resources which include motels, hotels, campgrounds, visitor attractions, gift shops, boat tours, marinas and dining facilities. For winter recreation there are unlimited acres of rugged woodlands for cross-country skiing and snowmobiling.

Ivy Lea Park, located on the 1000 Islands Parkway, 34 km west of Brockville, at the entrance to the 1000 Islands Bridge, provides 143 campsites, including 34 with electricity, flush toilets, trailer dump, beach and playground facilities.

Brown's Bay Park, located on the 1000 Islands Parkway, 18 km west of Brockville, comprises picnic areas, refreshment stands, beach, flush toilets, trailer dump, boat ramp, 108 campsites, including 51 with electricity, a playground and a youth camping area for organized groups (available by reservation).

Grenville Park, 1.6 km east of Johnston-Ogdensburg International Bridge on Highway 2, Interchange 116 on Highway 401, offers picnic areas, beach, refreshments, playground facilities, 115 campsites, including 44 with electricity, trailer dump, boat ramp and a youth camping area for organized groups (available by reservation).

Riverside-Cedar Park, located 6 km east of Morrisburg on Highway 2, Interchanges 119 and 120 on Highway 401. It contains 465 campsites, including 113 with electricity, flush toilets, trailer dump, boat ramp, as well as beach and playground areas.

Crysler Farm Battlefield Park, 11 km east of Morrisburg on Highway 2, Interchanges 119, 120 and 121 on Highway 401, offers a picnic area, beach, flush toilets, refreshments, information centre, an air conditioned licensed restaurant seating 200, a miniature railroad, railway museum, military and pioneer memorials and batteau memorial building.

Morrison and Nairne Islands, 14 km east of Morrisburg off Highway 2, Interchanges 120 and 121 on Highway 401, provides 124 campsites, including 20 with electricity, flush toilets, trailer dump, nature trails, beach, playground area and a youth camp area for organized groups (available by reservation).

Farran Park, located at Ingleside off Highway 2, Interchange 121 on Highway 401, includes a picnic area, beach, refreshments, flush toilets, trailer dump, boat ramp, 115 campsites, including 53 with electricity, and a playground area.

Long Sault Parkway, located between the villages of Ingleside and Long Sault off Highway 2. Access from interchanges 121 and 122 on Highway 401. It is a 10 km drive across 11 islands of well-groomed parkland linked by causeways; comprised of the following 3 major developed areas.

McLaren Campsite, features 211 campsites, including 50 with electricity, flush toilets, beach, boat ramp, playground facilities and a trailer dump.

Woodlands Park, offers a picnic area, beaches, refreshments, flush toilets, a playground, boat ramp, 234 campsites, including 48 with electricity, and a trailer dump.

Miles Roches Park, provides a picnic area, beaches, refreshment stands, a playground, flush toilets, trailer dump, boat ramp and 234 campsites including 17 with electricity.

Lakeview Heights Park, 3 km east of Long Sault on Highway 2 offers a picnic area, beach and flush toilets.

Raisin River Park, located west of Lancaster, exit at Interchange 126 on Highway 401, features 103 campsites, including 60 with electricity, flush toilets, showers, laundry, swimming pool, boat ramp, trailer dump and a playground area.

Charlottenburgh Park, 19 km east of Cornwall off Highway 2, Interchange 127 on Highway 401, consists of a picnic area, beaches, refreshment stand, a playground, flush toilets, trailer dump, boat ramp and 159 campsites, including 46 with electricity.

Glengarry Park, 3 km east of Lancaster on south service road, Interchange 127 on Highway 401, has a picnic area, beach, refreshment stand, flush toilets, trailer dump, a playground area and 244 campsites, including 54 with electricity.

Youth Group Park Reservations: Organized youth groups, wishing to make reservations at Adolphustown, Brown's Bay, Grenville and Morrison-Nairne Islands Parks, may do so by writing to Youth Group Park Reservations, The St. Lawrence Parks Commission, P.O. Box 740, MORRISBURG, Ontario, K0C 1X0 or by calling (613) 543-2951.



A Map of the St. Lawrence Parks

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